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SPECIAL WAR NOTES

THE TENTH CAVALRY BAND—A SELECT AND GRAND

COLLECTION OF NEGRO MUSICIANS

In Speaking of the Members the Writer Has Here Given a Vivid Description of Their Accomplished Leader—Another Prominent Member.

NOTE:—The series of articles furnished under the head: "Special War Notes," of which the following is the fourth were written especially for The Freeman, and will contain brief sketches of the black heroes who took such a conspicuous part in the campaign of 1898.

One of the finest musical organizations in Uncle Sam's service is the Tenth Cavalry Band. This organization of twenty five men; all highly talented Negro musicians, renders excellent selections from all classes of music, and with a technique and finish that is decidedly artistic and a compliment to their director and musical education.

The leader of the Tenth Cavalry Band, Captain Geo. F. Tyrrel; is a musican of wonderful talent. Besides being a great Band Master, he is a composer of international reputation. His compositions are effective and pleasing, and they exhibit vivacity and bouyancy characteristic of this popular composer.

Captain Tyrrell was born in England. At that time his father was in the English Army, he was therefore born in the army. His entire life has been spent in the Army. He enjoys the life of a soldier and is especially proud of his present relations to the famous Tenth Cavalry. As director of the Tenth Cavalry Band he is efficiently regarded as a most brilliant success.

GEO. F. TYRRELL
MUSICAL DIRECTOR

In the times of war there springs into existence a new kind of musician. His productions, as a rule are crude and irregular in their composition; still they stir the hearts of the people and kindle a flame of patriotism that burns on and on until victory is won.

A people burdened with sorrow and disappointments find relief in plaintive marches and songs that vibrate on the spirit and bring comfort, while those who are full of hope and bouyancy, impelled onward by mighty purposes, make the welkin ring with their exhultation and martial acclaim.

The composer who, in times of war, strikes the chord of human sympathy with the best effect will endear himself to all mankind and will establish his fame for future generations.

Captain Tyrrell is such a composer as will be remembered for many years by those what are familiar with his splendid compositions. Many of the quicksteps marches and waltzes, and overtures rendered by the Tenth Cavalry Band are either the original compositions or arrangements of director Tyrrel. His Goblin Guard March for the piano, is one of those pieces which portray a soul full of those admirable qualities that contribute so much to the happiness of the world.

Captain Tyrrell is a born band master. When but fourteen years of age he showed unusual powers as a musician and his recent achievement in the musical world give him rank among the finest composers.

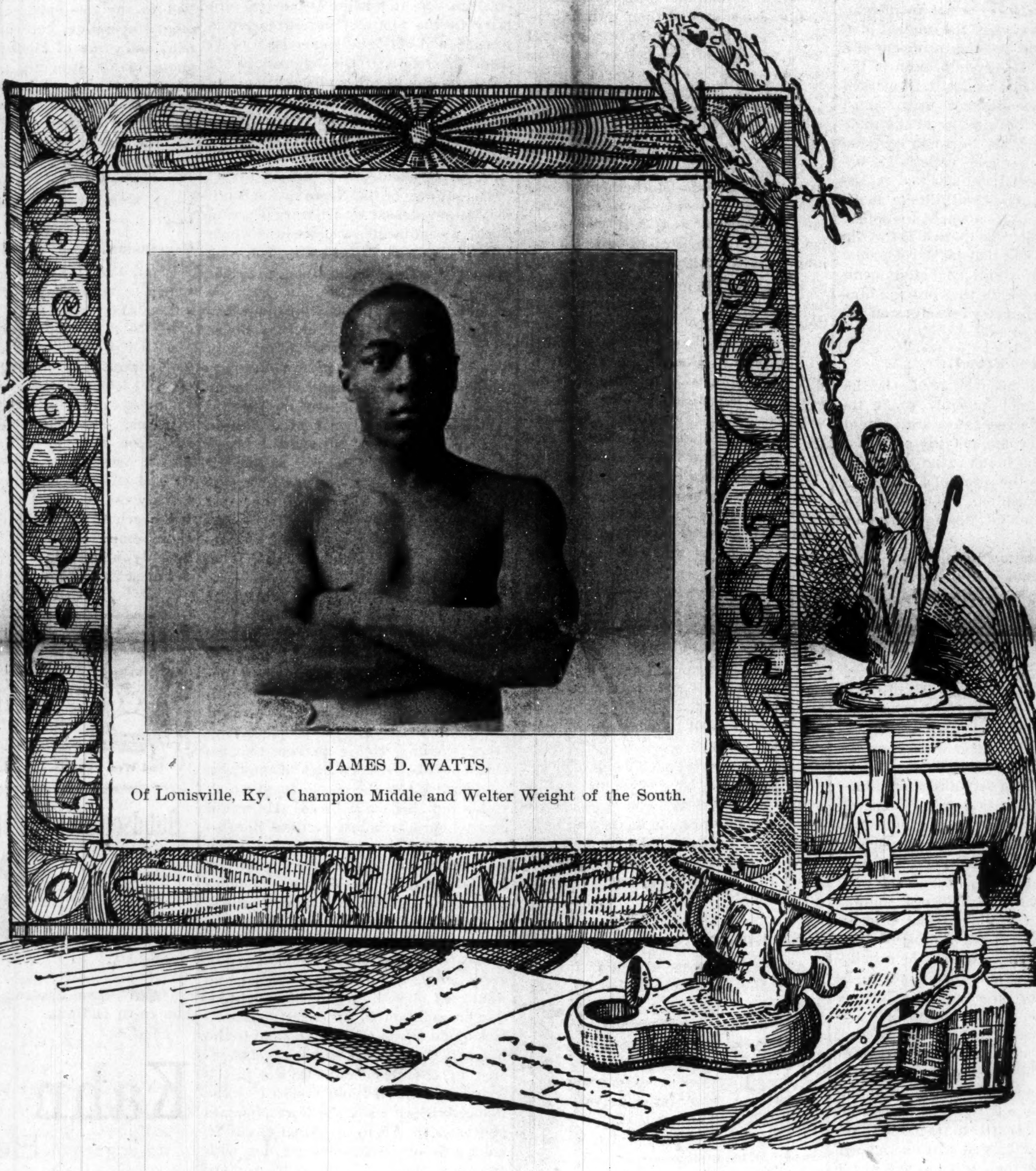
Private Robert I. Drake, a most versatile, multigenous and industrious young man, being an athlete, actor and an orator of rare power and ability, an educated, highly intelligent and favorably known citizen of Lexington, Ky., now a member of Troop G., of the famous Tenth United States Cavalry, is one of those interesting characters who inspires the student of the Negro with lofty ideals of his future development in this country.

He was born in Woodford County, Ky., just after the thrilling excitement and terrorizing tumult of '61 had passed away. Though very material influences or heroic surroundings had to do with developing in him soldierly inclinations during his youth, still when the war clouds of 1898 began to hover over the United states, we find him exhibiting a feverish anxiety to array himself in modern accouterment of warfare for the purpose of going to Cuba and aiding in the humanitarian effort to set a worthy and heroic people free.

He immediately started the organization of a volunteer company in Lexington. This company stood willing and ready to render service; but it was never called out. Mr. Drake was determined to demonstrate his patriotism and so he joined the Tenth Cavalry. But he was not given an opportunity to take active part in the campaign in Cuba. He was held for special duty in the United States.

Mr. Drake has been the recipient of many honors and he stands out as one of most eloquent young men of the race. He won honors as an orator while attending the high school in Lexington, and while playing the part of Felix with a company of clever people in a production of Cinderrella. and he thought that he would go into the army to win honors there. He will if he continues in the service, achieve great things in the future both for himself and for the race.

CHARLES ALEXANDER,
Normal, Alabama.



JAMES D. WATTS,

Of Louisville, Ky. Champion Middle and Welter Weight of the South.

Notes From the North.

Duluth, Minn., Special.

Rev. R. Taylor preached a very touching sermon Sunday evening. She received a letter from her brother W. A. Porter, with these striking words near the close "give my love to all the girls, and my regards to the boys." In behalf of the young people of Duluth and Superior, I wish to welcome Miss Allen of Wisconson to our Zenith City. May her stay be long and pleasant. O. D. Clayburn enjoyed pleasant whirl at the Chrysanthemum Ball Tuesday evening, but was suddenly called to take the 11:45 train for St. Paul. All the young people are invited to attend the Christian Endeavor each Sunday evening at 7 p. m. at St. Marks. The D. D. Reading Club was royaly entertained by G. W. Dorsey, Feb. 28. Election of officers was the chief feature of the evening the list of which will appear in next weeks paper. Why is it that Chas. Colby wears such a broad smile lately. He has a fine 12 pound daughter. Harrison Bowman has been passing fine Havanas around since Washington's birthday celebrating the birth of the finest son at the head of the lakes C. H. McDonald J. N. Richey, Miss Minnie Richey are on the sick list. Mrs. H. J. Shelton is slowly mending. Miss Josephine Vaughn is rapidly improving.

Importance from Yoakum.

Yoakum, Tex., Special.

Dr. M. H. Leach who has one of the finest residences in Yoakum, located on East Hill, and is quite an attraction in that locality, and the best of all he has a splendid practice. H. H. Gaskin, has a fine grocery store and doing a good business. If Harry keeps on he will in time be one of the leading grocerymen of this section. G. W. Harris of East Hill has opened a little store and is doing fairly well. M. C. Jamiscn, the barber, has a fine shop and does all work up-to-date. He is also agent for J. Solomon the reliable merchant tailoring company of Chicago. We have several colored school houses. Among the teachers are Professors S. H. Gates, John B. Asberry, A. A. Harper, Miss Sophie White, Miss Annie Kinnie and Mrs. Maggie A. White. The attendance is good and the pupils are progressing splendid. We have any amount of colored men employed here; this being the headquarters of the San Antonio & Arkansas Pass road running in with several branches such as Waco, Corpus Christi and Lockhart, all of which give colored men employment. The freight depot work at night a good amount of hands; John Friday, freight-caller; William Friday, stevedore. Mrs. Rhenett Hall runs a nice hotel much to the accommodation of the traveling public Mrs. Maria Curry has a private boarding house in the western part of the city. Mrs. Maggie A. White and Miss Sophie White were at Cuero week before last attending the teachers' institute. Religious services of the A. M. E. church will be every fourth Sunday in each month as follows: Sunday-school at 9:30 a. m.; morning service, 11 a. m.; praise meeting, 3 p. m.; preaching, 7:30 p. m., Rev. J. W. Johnson, pastor. Mr. John G. Harbert has erected a nice house below the compress. Mr. J. Kontz is at work again after being down for two weeks with la grippe. Mrs. M. C. Jamison has been confind to her bed for the past week. Lookout for the next issue of The Freeman there will be plenty of Yoakum news. The Freeman will be on sale at Glem's news depot at Jamison's barbershop at 5 cents a copy or $1.50 per year; six months 85 cents; three months 60 cents.

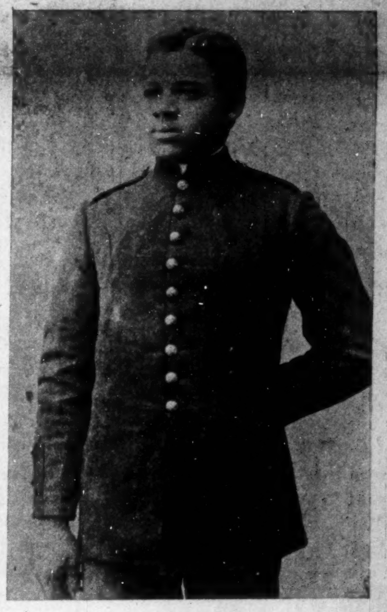
AIDED THE NEEDY.

PADUCAH'S GENEROUS MAYOR SUPPLIES THE WANTS OF THE POOR

MOTHER AND CHILD FROZEN

The Freeman Welcomed—Church Notes—Young Men's Reading Room to be Opened—Notes of Interest.

At the A. M. E. church Wednesday Feb. 15, Rev. Burkes assisted by Rev. Hall and others opened a grand revival. Owing to the recent cold snow and freezing weather Paducah suffered a great deal with lagrippe and other sickness. Although the cold did not interfer with the church attendance. On the 4th ult. Mayor Jas. Lang supplied the suffering poor people with full provisions and clothing. Giving every person a liberal supply and without hesitation. As he knew the condition of the needed ones in this city and surroundings. Every body has given the honorable Mayor, their best wishes and hope him success in his future career. Many hearts have gone in sympathy for the unfortunates who were refused entrance to a man's house on Sunday Feb. 5th, in the subberbs of Paducah the mother and child froze to death while father lay next day at the City Hospital with frozen limbs and as he gained consciousness, he told of his wife and 5 year old child who he had carried to a barn for shelter and while laying his daughter in the hay that it could warm her, the mother wondered to the other side of the barn and there in great agony the mother and baby froze to death. While the father was found early next morningwith arms and legs frozen. Manager Ben Boyd of the Paducah colored base ball team will leave on the 22, of March for Cairo to attend the Southern Illinois, Kentucky and Tenneesse colored league association. Mr. Boyd promises to give the other teams a run for this season for the championship of the league, and will also accept challenges from any team, time and place. Geo. E. Marshall the well known tonsorial artist of the city will be glad to solicit your patronage at his tonsorial parlors 126 Court street. Mr. Marshall is the agent for the Indianapolis Freeman and will be glad to solicit subscribers for the most intellectual colored paper in America, touching on all points in the United States, and some of our boys in Cuba. At the A. M. E. church Sunday night, Feb. 19, Rev. Burkes delivered a most eloquent and heart rendering sermon, his text was "Look to Jesus." May his revival meet with success. It has been rumored in Paducah that the young men will not attend the theatre so often next season, but will donate to a committee the prices they pay to go in the theatre for the erection of a young men's reading room.


R. I. DRAKE.

RACE QUESTION IS REVIEWED.

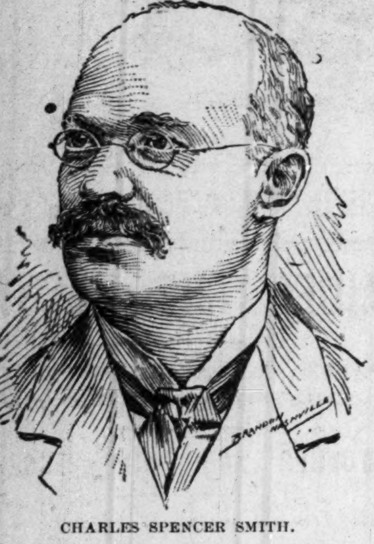
Rev. C. S. Smith, the Noted Colored Divine and Orator, Gives His Views.

DEFENDS THE NEGRO RACE.

Booker Washington's Idea of Industrial Training Pronounced Unsound.

NEGROES OPPOSED TO RAPE.

Political Status of the Colored Man Set Forth—Plea Made for the Whites and Blacks to Live Together in Peace.



CHARLES SPENCER SMITH.

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The revival of the race question is but one of the crucibles in which the Christian religion is being tested. The theory of the brotherhood of man must evolve into a living reality before Christianity shall have done its perfect work. It is useless to expatiate about the inferiority of the darker races and the divine right of the white race to rule them, which implies that God has delegated a part of his sovereignty to the latter. Human pride and arrogance, engendered by the transition from a low to a high estate, may assume such; still God is sovereign and supreme, and is as jealous of his sovereignty and as unwilling to share it with any of his creatures as he was when his wrath was provoked by the Israelites when they fashioned their jewels into a golden calf. God may assign to the white race, as a part of its stewardship, the civilization and redemption of the darker races, but their civilization and redemption must be according to his plans, and not according to the dictum of race prejudice. Then it would be well for the proud Anglo-Saxon to be certain of his stewardship in this particular, lest in the end he should find himself as much deceived as was Cæsar when he based his conquest of the Britons on the assumption of divine right.

Industrial and Mechanical Training.

Yes, I am heartily in favor of industrial and mechanical training for such Negroes as may feel that their calling is on the farm or in the factory, but I challenge the assertion of those who claim that the only solution of the so-called race problem lies in the direction of the industrial and mechanical training of the Negro. Then, again, the mechanical and industrial training of the Negro has been in progress ever since the first cargo of slaves was landed on the banks of the James River in Virginia.

Slavery Was a School.

Surprisingly strange, perhaps, but nevertheless true, slavery itself furnished the slave with valuable lessons in industrial and mechanical training, and produced a grade of high-class mechanics, skilled workers in wood and iron and metals of various kinds, many of whom remain until this day, and, I regret to say, far more than can obtain employment, caused by the unreasonable and unfriendly attitude of the Trades Unions toward colored mechanics. How, then, can the multiplication of Negro mechanics help to solve the so-called race problem, when those who are already skilled cannot obtain employment? In this city, to my personal knowledge, there are a score or more of skilled Negro mechanics who are subject to enforced idleness by reason of the colorphobia which dominates the Trades Unions. Those who are disposed to advance the Negro's best interests can render him invaluable service by demanding, in tones of thunder loud and long, that the Trades Unions shall cease to draw the color line, and that fitness and character shall be the only passport to their fellowship. When this barrier shall have been removed, the time for the multiplication of Negro mechanics, on anything like a large scale, will have become opportune; but not until then.

The Contra-Argument.

I know full well the argument of the contra-contendents—how that an appreciable increase in the present number of Negro mechanics would make a white contractor independent of white mechanics when his interests might warrant the employment of Negro tradesmen. But it cannot be justly claimed that this language rises to the force and dignity of an argument. It is at the very best but a mere theory, and one shorn of plausibility for the reason that it apparently overlooks the fact that the Trades Unions, by the power of the boycott, could influence the dealers both in raw and manufactured material not to sell to said contractor, and thus abort his designs to defy them by the employment of Negro artisans. The Trades Unions constitute a most potent organization, and it is very difficult to thwart its will. Therefore, the primal and essential accomplishment is to influence its directors to abandon the cruel and frigid color line.

But, then, it may be answered that if the Negro mechanic cannot find employment for his skilled hands, let him go to the farm and engage in agricultural pursuits—learn how to scientifically raise sweet potatoes, as the present chief revivalist of the industrial training for the Negro is wont to urge.

A Pertinent Question.

When in the unregistered æons of the genesis of creative development—when prehistoric man roamed at will, and before God had fixed the bounds of man's habitation—in what recorded cycle of time was it written on the tablet of divine fiat that the universal position of the Negro should be that of a tiller of the soil? It may not be a self-evident truth that all men are created free and equal, but it is an axiomatic verity that all men, other than imbeciles and idiots, are endowed with mental and spiritual capacities capable of varied and illimitable expansion; and the Negro, being a man, is irremovably within the sphere of this axiomatic verity. Hence, unless it can be established that the Negro is not an integral and component part of the original plan of man's creation, but the increment of a mere accident, the crystallization of the particles of the surplus dust that marked the creative place of generic man, it must be accepted as the corollary of the axiomatic verity that the Negro, in common with all the other race varieties, is endowed with mental and spiritual capacities, capable of varied and illimitable expansion; and that, as a whole, his sphere of operation cannot be limited to the tilling of the soil; but that his development will be marked by variety of attainments and accomplishments, thus proving himself to be an originator as well as an imitator.

Not to Any Great Extent.

Moreover, the acquisition of scientific agriculture cannot possibly profit the masses of the Negroes to any great extent, seeing that they are not the owners of the soil. By this I refer to the diversification of crops as the result of a knowledge of scientific agriculture. The diversification of crops is not dictated and controlled by the tillers of the soil, but by the owners. The plantation hand in the South exercises no choice whatever as to the number of acres he shall plant in cotton or the number he shall plant in corn or wheat or any other cereal. In this regard he must obey the mandate of his employer. In view of this, is the suggestion valueless that so far as the utility of a diversification of crops is concerned, that this advice should be pressed upon the owner of the soil rather than upon the tiller? It is the owner alone who can change the existing condition of things. The advice which Secretary of Agriculture Wilson gave to the young white men of the South in his address at the McKinley banquet, in Savannah, Ga., was most opportune, and should impress the present chief revivalist of industrial training for the Negro with the fact that in insisting on the study of scientific agriculture by the masses of the Negroes, he is building a cage for a bird that is yet to be caught; unless, perchance, the Negroes should become the owners of the soil. There can be no doubt that the practical application of the principles of scientific agriculture will increase the yield of a given crop in a stated area; but if by this it is meant that a knowledge of scientific agriculture is essential to teach the Negro how to hoe cotton and plant corn, such is as far from the reality as the east is from the west; as the Negro has long since graduated in the accomplishment of hoeing cotton and planting corn, and his diploma was stamped on the great majority of the 10,000,000 bales of cotton which were marketed in this country last year. Therefore aspire to add to the Negro's present limited fund of knowledge by teaching him how to do something which he does not now know how to do.

Not by Any Means New.

The necessity of the Negro's training in industrial pursuits, either as a theory or a dictum, did not originate with this generation, but is coeval with his existence on the American continent. With equal propriety might one term John Wesley the apostle of Christianity as to term the Master of Tuskegee the apostle of industrial training for the Negro. The former was simply the revivalist of a long existing doctrine; the latter is merely the revivalist of an ancient dictum, "Teach the Negro how to work;" and in reëchoing this dictum has struck a popular chord in the minds, if not the hearts, of a large element of the American people, some of whom emphasize their approval by throwing dollars into his open hands.

Mob Law.

That "rape means rope" is quoted as a favorite expression of persons prominent in public affairs, which is to be regretted since they are in a position to influence thousands. Mob law is a menace to good government, and is destructive and revolutionary in its tendencies. It is without reason or conscience, and is as uncontrollable as an exasperated bull. It does not always seek out the guilty, but demands a victim whether guilty or innocent. It does not investigate, but assumes; does not seek for truth, but takes everything for granted. The greatest danger to the South from the reign of mob law is the fact that it is an easy thing for any white villain to blacken his neck and face, his hands and arms, put on a wig of crispy hair and personate a Negro, and in that disguise commit the most nameless and shameless of crimes—for which some innocent Negro may be made to suffer. It is not known that any Negro as yet has attempted to personate a white man—that is practically impossible.

The Position of the Negro as to Rape.

I do not hesitate to say that the Negro is as unalterably opposed to rape as he is to murder or any other heinous crime. It is a mistake to suppose that he has no sympathy for the rapist's victim. He has compassion for the outraged, and would avenge her wrongs as speedily as any one else. Moreover, the Negro does not covet the white women of the South or of any other section. Why should he? Has he not fair maidens of his own? If a white complexion is the desideratum, can he not gratify his taste among his own people? Unlike the white man, whose women are universally white, the Negro can select from among his own females varieties of colors—including white, black, and all the intermediary hues. But, in a more serious vein, I most emphatically declare that he will go as far to protect the white women and girls of the South from violence as will their own fathers, brothers, and sons. I have never yet heard a Negro of any hue or condition offer an apology for the crime of rape *per se*. It is not possible to organize a court with a Negro judge and jury that would fail to convict a Negro of the crime of rape where the proof warranted it. So far from palliating the crime, he devoutly wishes that all rapists, whether white or black, were banished from the earth. Put our sincerity to test, if you please. Let the white men of the South enter into a compact with us to go as far with us in helping to protect our wives and daughters as we will go with them in helping to protect theirs, and neither the jaws of death nor the gates of hell will cause us to falter or fail. Be this as it may, we pray God to write upon our hearts the law which enjoins us not to covet our neighbor's wife nor his daughters. No crime that has ever been alleged against the Negro has so stung him as that of the charge of rape—it being extended even to the child of tender years. He remembers with what painful solicitude and unflagging watchfulness he protected the wives and children of the Southland when their own marital and paternal protectors had been called away by the demands of war; and that he was then, though a slave, true to sacred trusts. Is he less trustworthy now that he is free? Whatever others may think, he knows that he is not. In pleading for the maintenance of law and order, and that all law-breakers shall be tried according to the established forms of law, the Negro cannot be justly branded as an apologist for crime. He is by every impulse of his being disposed to law and order. He is not a revolutionist, an anarchist, nor a traitor, and I thank God that the people with whom I am identified have not yet given birth to a Judas Iscariot or a Benedict Arnold.

Social Equality.

Another erroneous allegation directed against the Negro is that his chief desire is for social equality with white people. Now, the Negro may be ignorant of some things—yea, many things—but of one thing he is not ignorant, and that is that social equality does not exist anywhere or among any people as a universal rule. Moreover, he knows that all white people are not social equals, which is equally true of all colored people. Social equality is based upon individual choice and preference, and does not lie within the sphere of statutory enactments or police regulations. The Negro does not desire to pose as an intruder, and repels with righteous indignation every assertion that he is disposed to force his association on those who are averse to receiving it. It is not to be understood by this that he is indifferent to the rights which belong to him under the common law. He may not insist on riding in the same railroad coach with white passengers, but he does rebel against paying first-class fare for second-class accommodations, an injustice which he regards as nothing less than a bold stroke of highway robbery. He may not demand that he be allowed to eat at the same table with white people, but he does demand that he be allowed to buy something to eat when hunger overtakes him on the highway. That cities like Chattanooga and Knoxville, Tenn., and Atlanta and Macon, Ga., should tolerate lunch counters in connection with railroad stations which refuse colored passengers the privilege of purchasing food is, to say the least, a cankerous blot upon civilization, and in a so-called Christian community is an impeachment, a contradiction of, and a travesty on that mandate of the gospel of divine love which says: "If thine enemy hunger, feed him." You cannot find a Negro in all the land so ignorant, so poor, so degraded, so destitute of the milk of human kindness as to refuse to sell a cup of coffee and a morsel of bread to a white wayfaring traveler. Do not be worried; the Negro will not seek to force an entrance into any private abode. He is delightfully happy in the circle of his own chosen associates.

Will the Negro Eschew Politics?

Will the Negro eschew politics? To this question but one reasonable answer can be given. No. Why should he? What is there in existing conditions to warrant him in voluntarily surrendering his political rights? Why invite him to do what the Revolutionary sires refused to do—submit to taxation without representation? It is estimated that the Negroes in America pay taxes on $264,000,000 worth of property—the accumulation of less than thirty-five years. Are the owners of these millions entitled to no representation in political affairs? Shall they contribute to the support of the Government, and yet be barred of all share in the management of its concerns? Some so-called leading (?) Negroes may announce their willingness to eschew politics, but no manly Negro will do so. In the exercise of his suffrage the Negro has always been prompted by motives that he has regarded as patriotic. The rank and file have never placed a money value on their vote. Not all of their leaders have been wise; but some of their leaders have been wise—yea, a majority of them. His misfortune has been that he has been forced to array himself against the dominant element in the midst of whom he lives, and to him this has been a continual source of regret. The "white Democratic primary" in the South is as much of a Chinese wall barring the full operation of the Negro voter as the Trades Union in operating against the Negro mechanic. No Negro, though he be a Democrat, can vote in a white Democratic primary in the South. His citizenship is scorned, and his right to exercise it is denied. Therefore, if the Negro does not vote with the wealth and intelligence of the South, it is because that element refuses him the opportunity to do so. When he seeks affiliation with this class, he is invariably met with the cry: "This is a white man's country."

The suffrage of the Negro in the South may be suppressed by arbitrary constitutional amendments, a procedure which cannot obtain in the North. There he can vote at Republican, Democratic, or Populist party primaries, and his vote will be counted. To-day he holds the balance of power in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and New York; and unless party politics are reorganized on lines radically differing from those of the present no political party can win in a Presidential election without his support. If the South insists on suppressing the Negro's suffrage it will eventually lead thousands of them to migrate to selected parts of the great Northwest, to the remaining Territories, New Mexico, Arizona, etc., and help to make them solidly Republican. What will be the result? A solid political North against a solid political South, with the latter always in the minority.

Now, the Negro does not take kindly to the thought of being forced to leave his Southern home. He fully realizes that the Christian white people of the South are in a position to help him forward much faster than are the people of any other section. He is anxious that no strife should exist between him and those who furnish him the employment which yields him his daily bread. He would gladly help to readjust political lines so that he could have representation in the management of political affairs according to his character, intelligence, and property interests. He will never protest against an educational qualification in state and national elections which will be applicable to all in every essential and in every detail. In municipal elections he would not object to a property qualification in addition to an educational one. It is by no means a happy thought to the Negro that while his suffrage is dishonored by the Democratic leaders in the South, it is courted and honored by the Democratic leaders of the North. James Matthews, a Negro in Albany, N. Y., holds a twenty-year tenure position, with an annual salary of $5,000, by the votes of white Democrats; and the highest diplomatic position ever tendered a Negro was that of Minister to Bolivia, which was offered to C. H. J. Taylor by former President Cleveland. The suffrage of 8,000,000 people cannot be permanently suppressed in a republic; neither is it desirable that it should be, if it could be.

Negro Domination.

No intelligent Negro has ever dreamed of trying to reduce the mythical term "Negro domination" to an actuality. It is a bugbear—a ghost that was not born in the womb of his imagination, however distorted at times it might have been. He has never sought nor desired to dominate in political affairs, but to participate. He would not control to the exclusion of the white element if he could. His generous nature, and his love of justice and fair play, would forbid his withholding from any person any right or privilege to which he might be entitled, and which would contribute to his well-being in person and property. He knows full well that slavery did not furnish him with a knowledge of statecraft, and that the opportunity to gain such knowledge, in an adequate degree, in a single generation is not sufficient. He is, therefore, willing to wait and be taught, and as he advances in knowledge covets the opportunity to exercise it—whether it be in the field of agriculture, mechanics, science, law, theology, letters, medicine, the arts, military affairs, philosophy, or politics; but none of these attainments will he ever use to dominate his white fellow-citizens. He seeks, according to his worth and fitness, to participate in public affairs; he scorns the thought to dominate; he will be content with the former, but content with nothing less.

Some Things to be Learned.

When the present chief advocate of industrial training for the Negro as the speediest and most effectual solution of the so-called race problem shall have gone outside of his own bailiwick, as has the writer; when he shall have placed himself in a position to observe the present status of the various elements of mankind, notably in Europe, West and Southwest Africa, South America, and the Caribbean Archipelago; when he shall have seen a woman and a dog hitched together and drawing a loaded cart through the streets of Antwerp, Belgium; when he shall have seen Hungarian women digging coal in the mines of their own native land; when he shall have looked upon the peasantry of Europe, so poorly fed, poorly clad, poorly housed, and poorly paid; when his attention shall have been directed to the fact that three-fifths of all the inhabitants of earth live in a one-room hut; that scientific agriculture is as little known to the peasantry of Europe as it is to the plantation hands of our own Southland, and that the former has no more to do with the diversification of the crops than do the latter, he may at least find some of his views modified thereby; come to realize that the doctrine of the survival of the fittest will shape and govern the destiny of the Negro as it does that of all the other race varieties; that the Negro cannot be limited to any one sphere of physical or mental operation, but will ramify every nook and corner of Americanism, add his quota to its strength, perpetuity, and adornment; and will be satisfied, though he achieves no greater accomplishment in one generation than to unflinchingly look into the jaws of death while bravely supporting the Rough Riders in their sanguinary and successful charge to plant Old Glory above the crest of El Caney's heights.

Conclusion.

In all that I have said I have only sought to express my true convictions in a frank and candid way. That they will give offense to some—perhaps to many—I do not doubt. As to the sincerity of my purpose an approving conscience attests. I love the South, which has been the theater of my activities for nigh thirty years. That the blessings of peace may soon come to it; that the voice of discord between the races may be speedily and effectually hushed; that it may quickly rise to that high estate which it will reach through the development of those resources with which nature has so lavishly endowed it, is my cherished wish, my most fervent prayer.

CHARLES SPENCER SMITH.

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Editor W. E. King of the Dallas Express is a nice gentleman, he can roar in a whisper, bluster in silence, cut you till you bleed to death by the blunt edge of his abundant and always elegant wit, and when he sneezes because a M. S. comes to his sanctum without the stamp or the $1.00 for his trouble, well the sun looks like its whitewashed. Recently editor King called our name, and since then everything looks like angels. Yes we are coming back to Texas. Thanks awfully, dear King. You are the real King of Texas journalism, and more than that of the entire west of Indianapolis.

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The Charlemaigne craze is on, the literatis like Gullivers traveling Lilluputians, or The brownies are tumbling pellmell over him. dissecting the long dead carcass of antiquity, struggling to find out same unseen trait of his dark-age-greatness. The optician should do a thriving business at this season of the year.

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A. C. McClurg, keeper of the Chicago Bookery on Wabash avenue. can now bemoan the loss of his most excellent stock of books, stationary, songs, novels, etc., by fire. Luther Bensons book, Seventeen Years in Hell, can now be called the firs tressurrection, and the Fire Brigade March can be turned either to rag-time or played in the tune of "The Wabash fire-away."

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Big men, large ideas, lean purse,
Fine clothes, no brains, what a curse.

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The greatest fool does not always betray himself by his external appearance, you have to find him out by intimate acquaintance, the element that is absolutely needed to show him in his brightest colors, and which he hasn't got sense enough to observe, is the wisdom he essays, or portrays in his own solomonic conceit.

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Interesting Items.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Special.

At this writing, the Eighth regiment, colored, are still at Chickamauga. The regiment band gave a concert at the opera house Wednesday night for the benefit of the Oxley zoo. How strange things do sometimes happen "in these diggins!" This is a colored band. The concert is given under the auspices of the Zoological Garden managers, white. It is given in the opera house. This same band could not secure the opera house under any consideration to give a concert for a colored enterprise. Colored patrons of the concert were assigned special seats in the gallery as usual. The famous evangelist Sam Jones has been making it hot for two weeks hereabouts for the devil's hosts. Colored people were permitted to attend the meeting under certain conditions, viz that they occupy "special" seats in the gallery for "cullud folks." The "cullud folks" accepted the gracious privelege and went in droves. No doubt much good was accomplished by Mr. Jones' visit. As a result of the Sam Jones meeting an ordinance has been passed closing the saloons at 10 o'clock at night to remain closed until 5 o'clock in the morning. Allen Day celebration was observed at Warren Chapel A. M. E. church on the 19th. Miss Florence N. Day's paper on the "Life and Times of Richard Allen" was excellent. Miss Day is one of the brightest scholars of this section. Rev. Dr. J. A. Jones' address on "The Church of Our Fathers," Sunday night, created a decided sensation. He spoke of the hydra-headed monster, "Race Prejudice," how he roams abroad in this country, invading even the sacred precincts of the church of God. He cited as an example, the discrimination existing then at the great Sam Jones meeting at the Auditorium. A union revival meeting is in progress at the Presbyterian church. All the colored churches of the city excepting the Baptist church, are represented. Revs. A. W. Thomas and T. J. Manson are engaged to preach during the meeting. Rev. J. A. Jones will conduct the song service feature. Miss Sallie Moore Jones, recently of New York City, is teaching a large class in music, and is the organist of Warren Chapel. She anticipates establishing a school of music with a corps of proficient teachers. Miss Jones is graduate in music from the world renowned Fisk University. A sensation was created last Wednesday when Brother Christian, a "do right" minister while preaching at Dr. T. W. Haigler's church, denounced the colored preachers of the city as a set of immoral men. Dr. Haigler resented it, and bodily fired the eminent "do right" brother.

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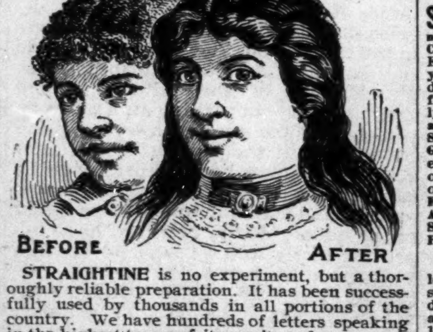

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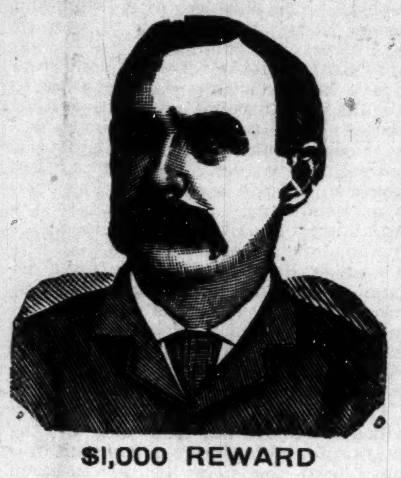

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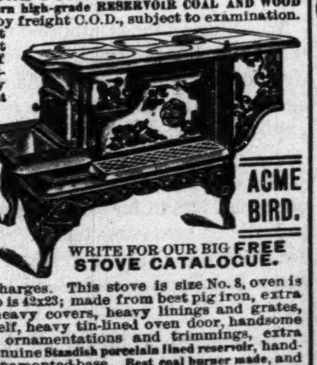

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PROPOSED MARRIAGE LAW.

The colored people of this city are very much worked up concerning a bill up for passage in the state legislature, which bill if it becomes a law will add to the statutes of Indiana more of what some have termed "The Black Laws of Indiana."

The bill has for its object the prevention of marriages between the whites and colored people of the state and to forbid residence to those who are joined in marriage beyond the limit of the state.

As the law now stand it is a penal offense to marry in the state but there has been no legislation heretofore that prevented persons marrying elsewhere to reside in the state.

The colored people are greatly surprised to know that the legislature could conceive a notion of even considering a bill of the kind, feeling that there was no provocation. It has been urged from time to time that those laws that encumbered the statutes should be repealed. The proposed addition is perplexing to the colored people. who feel that the law is being made for them, solely.

It is somewhat gratifying to know according to Senator Stilwell, the Democrat who introduced the bill that it was not a collusion on the part of the white people to make a premeditated fling at the colored people.

He introduced the bill through pique at a colored man of Spencer, Ind., whom he had caused to serve a term in prison for some offense. He avers that this same colored man came back, crossed over into Illinois and married a white woman of disrepute and on returning made it his business to be seen on all occasions with the woman to the disgust of all the citizens. He feels that such a performance should not be repeated and therefore he calls on the whole state to see to it that it is not repeated.

The action of the colored man from the statement of Senator Stilwell was low and vulgar. His method of defying the community that prosecuted him needs the severest condemnation; but the remaining portion of the people has no right to suffer for his conduct.

The saying that all Negroes act alike, has in this instance become to realistic. It is to be hoped that unless actuated by unseen motives that our very dignified and august assemblage is not to be thrown off its feet by an incident so purile, originating from a source so trifling.

The chagrin of Senator Stilwell can easily be imagined when this colored man used one of his own race to help humilitate him; yet the senator should have in mind that there are thousands of others who are in no way concerned and who are endowed with feelings quite as sensitive.

The colored people feel that they are the injured party in the matter, although the proposed law would operate equally and therefore would be considered constitutional.

In this case, contrary to the rule neither the letter of the constitution nor the spirit is violated, only so far as it is known that one race takes advantage of the other race in hedging itself in with laws that operate equally but known to be offensive to the other but are not discriminatory and can never be so construed. The white person is restrained as well, and the greater desirability on the part of the colored people to intermarry, and their knowledge of the intent to humilitate them gives the only ground for complaint.

But however the bill will not pass owing to the reasons cited; not because of a discriminatory intent, but because the colored people know regardless of its fairness that it is meant to cheapen them. This knowledge comes from the author's admission, if from nowhere else. Politically who should suffer if both parties are implicated? This is uttered as a precaution.

As before stated the bill probably will not become a law however not owing to its discriminatory qualities, for there are none, but owing to the colored people's sensitiveness in the matter. In fact the whole matter should not be allowed to become serious; but it should be laughed out of court on the pain of the race being charged with undue eagerness for social equality which of course is not reciprocated.

The Afro-American thinks the white man's burden is self-imposed.

It is said that Hon. C. H. J. Taylor has been to Raleigh, N. C., to plead with the legislature of that state. He hopes it will not carry out its program of disfranchisement.

After mature deliberation the colored people will discover that their objection to the proposed marriage laws is the out growth of their imaginations as to what relation the whites would have the colored people sustain to them.

A new book from the ready pen of Dr. C. S. Smith of Nashville, Tenn., is promised in the near future. It will be a complication of the best thought on the race question from eminent men of both races. The success of Dr. Smith in other efforts of this kind is a guarantee as to the worthiness of this effort

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The educator of Huntsville, Ala., is a new journalistic venture. It makes a modest bow to the public quite in keeping with its high intents. The well known likeness of Booker T. Washington adorns its front page accompanied by an article on his usual theme. The publication hopes to give to the public the thoughts of the best thinkers of the race. It appeals to that class for contributions in carrying out its advertised designs.

Since the publication of the remarkable poem, "The Nigger Ninth" we have learned more of Mr. George E. Powell of La Crosse, Wis. He is of Powell's Medical and Surgical Institute, an M. D., and surgeon, in charge of the surgical department. Following, is a letter from the very courageous author, that does the Freeman great honor indeed. We feel to say with the author that no greater testimonial has ever been uttered in behalf of the Freeman. We prize it, knowing the author to be fully competent and sufficiently discriminating in his tastes to speak with authority:

La Crosse, Wis., Feb. 25, 1899.

Editor The Freeman, Indianapolis, Ind.;

My Dear Sir: Enclosed you will find one dollar, for which please send me a few copies of the "Freeman" containing my poem, "The Nigger Ninth."

The poem is not what I send for; but the beautiful accompanying editorial.

This is the grandest tribute I ever received; and is more than ample recompense for many, many times the labor of my production.

If I were given to envy, and the author of those musical and beautiful words and lines were to essay their counterpart, I should fear the title of poet laurate of the "Buffalo Soldiers"—Indian name for the Ninth—would take wings and leave me.

In conclusion let me say that I should be false to myself, false to gratitude, and false to the best impulses of the human breast, did I fail to say that while my heart is filled with pleasure and gratitude, beyond expression, for your beautiful word-picture, it only finds vent in the few paltry words, I thank you.

GEORGE E. POWELL.

At the meeting of Republican Leagues of Ohio, at Dayton, recently, Prof. W. S. Scarborough had the pleasure of addressing the distinguished assembly. He responded to the toast, "The Party of Freedom and the Freedman." In his closing remarks he said:

THE NEGRO'S STRENGTH is not to be ignored by the party; but the race cannot stand alone. It needs alliance with friendly power and there is no friend like the tried friend, no party for the freedman like the one that stands on the high broad platform of freedom and human rights, irrespective, of race or color or previous condition. But having said this, I would be false to the race and to my own convictions did I not pause to give the warning that, after all, neither parties nor politics can save the Negro. He needs to make a new start in his civil and political career. He must pay less attention to politics and more to business, to industry, to education, to the unbuilding of a strong, sturdy honorable manhood everywhere—to the assimilation generally of all that goes to the demand the world's respect and consideration. He must lop off as so many incubi the professional office seeker, the professional Negro office holder and the Negro politician who aspires to lead the race for the revenue that is in it.

The best men, the wisest, the most unselfish and above all, the men of the most profound integrity and uprightness must take the helm or retrogression will be the inevitable result. Politics followed as an end has been the curse of the race. Under it problems have multiplied and under it the masses have remained longer than they should in the lower stages of development. Only in the hands of men of noble mold and used only as a means to an end can politics accomplish the highest good for all the race. The Negro can keep all this in view and yet yield loyal support to the party that set him free.

Professor Scarborough is eminently correct. He reannounces the inevitable platform to which the race must subscribe or be swallowed up in a vortex of uncertanity and aimlessness. Doubt it he who will; but the encroaching southern condition, slowly but surely climbing Northward is due in the major part to intense political activity. If the condition in North Carolina has no terrors is not considered menacing then our political obtuseness should serve as a byword and a subject for jests. The professional political idea has resulted in a reaction and there must be much casting about for proper material to gain the ground that has been positively lost. Prof. Scarborough suggests a remedy. It may not be employed, but it will be just so much worse for the race if it is not employed.

THE WHITE MAN'S BURDEN.

"Take up the white man's burden's!"
He's borne for may years,
With hardened hearts for justice
And a smile for the orphans tears.

"Take up the white man's burden!"
And go to the Southern land
Where cities and towns are governed,
By a fiendish, lawless band.

"Take up the white man's burden!"
That causes the heart to quake
As we read again with horror,
Of those burnings at the stake.

Of white caps riding in the night,
And burning black men's homes,
Of the inmates shot as as they rush out
And the awful dying groans,

Of crimes that would outnumber
Those in the foreign Isle,
Committed by heathen people
"Half devil and half child."

Then free those Filipinos people,
From the accursed rule of Spain,
And put on them the shackels
Of a haughtier nations reign.

With "Judas" acts in every form,
Conceivable by man,
And the thirst for blood, and greed for gold
Is surely the white man's plan.

Oh! Wait not until the Martyr dies
Before hears tho crown,
But sing his praises to the skies
And the burden help lay down.

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ARTHUR J. STRINGER

O God, if this were all!
To see the naked Right,
And then by day and night
To crush o'er Circumstance,
Despair and petty Chance,
And fight the one good fight!
O God, if this were all!

If this were only all!
But, ah! to see, and yet
Half fear the waves that fret
Without the Harbor Bar;
To strive not, since the star
Lies from us so, oh, so far;
To know and, and not forget!
O God, that this is all!

—Ainslee's Magazine for March.

THE NEGRO PRESS.

The Negro press is doing much in indicating the direction of winds favorable or unfavorable to the race. Read our papers.—The Item, Dallas, Tex.

The Negro race is supplied with a host of talkers, but is in great need of effective doers. This is an age doing, so relegate the idle talkers to the rear.—Religious Inquiry.

One of the weakest points in Negro character lies in his inability to meet a polemic on peaceable terms. If you differ, then the Negro is ready for you to die.—The Baptist Vanguard.

The colored people do not think much of the Industrial Commission as it stands. It is dominated entirely by the anti-Negro sentiment of the labor unions. We should continue the agitation for a special commission to look after our interests.—The Colored American.

THE STAGE.

(Concluded From Fifth Page.

Lucas, J. H. Johnson, J. H. Jenkins, John C. Johnson, Octavius Edwards, James North, John J. Hall, Wesley H. Coles, Lewis Williams and Robert Russell.

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Notes from Stetson's Uncle Tom's Cabin Co., (western): Business still continues big in Michigan. We are playing to the capacity of every theatre in which we play. Miss Kate Partington as Topsy, is making the hit of her life in this well known part. She is well remembered and heartily received nightly by large numbers of old and young patrons of this world's famous play; and keeps them laughing from the beginning to the end of her performance, and they ali vote her the best Topsy they ever saw. Mr. Gus Collins is receiving lots of compliments and numerous press notices for his wonderfully natural portrayal of the famous part of "Uncle Tom." He also sends his regards to Simon Epps of Mahara's minstrels. Our orchestra its receiving much praise nightly for their excellent rendition of beautiful overures and popular selections. It is under the able direction of Prof. Frank Fuhrer, first violin; G. W. Wentworth, second violin; J. LeClair, clarionet, flute and piccolo; Joe Rith, cornet; Bert Baily, John Meehan, slide trombone; Miss Florence Henri, pianist; John Donahue, double bass; Skip Farrell, trap drummer. Our famous concert band is winning loud applause daily for their street concerts, at noon and night. The band is under the leadership of J. W. Walker. Charles W. Smith, our tenor singer, has been on the sick list for the past week suffering from tonsilitis; his place is being ably filled by Miss Lizzie Harrison. "Dude" Kelly is winning rounds of applause nightly for his wonderful buck and wing dancing and is meeting all comers, and will be backed for any amount by Manager Kibble. Billy Yeager is making a hit singing, "Just as the sun went down" with quintette accompaniment. Billy Yeager sends his regards to Gil Garay and the Housely Brothers with Vogel's Darkest America, also to Dan Palmer and Billy Woods. The cake walk is one of the strongest features of the show; it is elegantly costumed. Our female quartette are about to make it hard for the male quartette, they are making a big hit. It is composed of Miss Edna King, Miss Maggie Mitchell, Miss Anna Mitchell and Mrs. Maud Yeager. Skip Farrell sends his regards to George Baily, Prof. Henderson Smith, Fred Simpson Billy Miller and John Rucker, also Paul Floyd and George Hillman. Manager Billy Kibble had to have a new suit made with extra pockets last week to carry the surplus cash from our enormous "biz;" he also sends his regards to all professionals—managers and agents.

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John W. Vogel's Mastodon Minstrels held the boards at the Park Theatre, Indianapolis, the first three nights of this week, playing to packed houses at each performance. Many changes have been made in the people and performance since here last, and Mr. Vogel should be congratulated for the care in doing the same. In the opening scene "the husking bee" a true picture is portrayed of the doings of the Negro before the emancipation, buck and wing dancing solo and chorus singing predominating. John Rucker as "Uncle Amos Jackson" keeps the audience in a continuous uproar from start to finish. Others taking part in the drama worthy of mention are: Geo. Bailey as Col. Charlotte; Gil Garay as Aunt Becky Beasley; William Porter as Levee Bill; Mat Housley as Nicodemus; and Lawrence Chenault as Golden Hair Nell, the terror of the levee. The Charleston Shouters—Messrs. Tyler Brooks, Hughes, Lewis and Herbert, never failed to receive generous applause at each appearance; showing good training and excellent voices. The olio introduced a number of high-class specialties—Chas. B. Tyler, monologuist and singing comedian, opened the olio and captured the audience from the start with his new sayings, jokes and the singing of "He's Up Against the Real Thing Now;" "La She," a very clever slack wire artist; Miss Laura Walker, soprano soloist; Bailey and Durant, high class musical artists; Misses Lee and Garay, the "American Chansonetts;" Lawrence, a trick bicyclist; Lawrence Chenault, the operatic tenor, and John Rucker, the "Alabama Blossom" who does a monologue that is a winner. The performance closes with a cake walk, with Major Ben F. Payne as master of ceremonies. Wednesday evening Mr. Curtis Harris, a local champion, led the walk and thereby created much enthusiasm. Tuesday evening was "Buffalo Night." The members of McClain Lodge, No. 1, B. O. of C. P., attended the show in a body. Near the end of the performance Prof. Henderson Smith, G. C. W., of the order, and bandmaster of the above named show, was called to the stage. In a neat speech in behalf of the Buffaloes of McClain Lodge, Indianapolis, Friend J. H. Ringgold presented Prof. Smith a beautiful diamond studded badge. The professor was equal to to the occasion, and in reply said he would always wear it in honor of the donors and with credit to the order and himself.

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Pete G. Hampton our representative with John W. Isham's Octoroon Co., sends the following: "We are now touring New York state, and meeting with success nightly. Hampton and Johnson the musical comedians assisted by Misses Arlington, Dickerson, Mitchell and Moss; Messrs. Alston, Johnson, Bethel and Jefferson introduced the Honolulu Dance at Hamilton, Can. It was a decided hit, Mr. Hampton calls the figures in the chorus and the above artists do the dancing. At St. Cathrines, Can., Mr. Mitchell of the 'Mitchell,' doing their specialty in turning an Arab, slipped and fell and received a severe sprain but in spite of the pain he finished their act—no one knew he was hurt. After he came to his dressing-room a doctor was sent for and stated it was a severe sprain of the spinal column, however, he is improving nicely and we hope to see him well and at his post in the cast of Patrick Moriarity the copper. On our arrival at Niagara Falls, N. Y., Sunday, Feb. 19, we engaged eight carriages for our company of sight-seekers and went to see the Niagara Falls. First we viewed the American Rapids, the Goat Island, Luna Island, American Falls, Cave of the Winds, Terrapin Rock, Three Sisters' Island, Hermits Cascade, then we took a ride on the incline railing, the new steel arch bridge, Horseshoe Falls, whirlpool rapids, Captain Webb's swim, Queen Victoria Park, Burning Springs; then we went up in the tower where we got a good view of the entire falls. We walked across the ice bridge and the boys made discovery of something doing in the little stands we would pass every two minutes; so after close inspection we found Cole & Johnson's gin spring which we bought at any price; then we visited the Ice Palace, it was a cold affair, but we didn't mind it as we were out for a good time at any price.

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Notes from the Richards and Pringle's Minstrels:—We are now in our 33rd successful week and still the business seems to be on the increase. But that is nothing strange for the Famous Georgia's. Wednesday at Chilicothe we had the pleasure of meeting the relatives of Mr. Hedgepath (She Likes me) our ephonium soloist that being his home. Manager Rusco has engaged the Yammate Bros., celebrated Japanese performers who are closing our show. Mr A. J. Smith the phenominal boy basso singing with effect, "At the Bottom of the Deep Blue Sea," in which he makes D, below the staff with ease. Mrs. W. A. Rusco, wife of our esteemed manager has returned having been home on a visit. Notwithstanding the fact that we are playing behind five and ten thousand dollar bands, the press says that our band is the best that has ever visited their town with a show of this kind. Messrs Leach & Dodd has just purchased a fine set of Swiss Bells and a set of Degan's Aluminum Chimes which they will use in their act entitled "The Musical Hams." Mr. A. B. Stokes has been slightly indispoed the past week, but is convalescent at this writing. P. A. Woods sends regard to Prof. H. C. Brown and the Gilliams. John Ward sends regards to Fred Simpson. F. L. Demby sends regards to all members of the McClain Lodge No 1, B. O. C. P. James Crosby closed with the Georgia's Saturday at Springfield, O., and is now in Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Kersands are introducing Ernest Hogan's song, "I dont like that face you wear," with great effect. W. C. Johnson the Irish King is happy again "He see's the snow fly." Mr. and Mrs. Avery were entertained by friends and relatives in Springfield. Kemp & Goodall are the talk of the company. But the Big Black thing is the real thing.

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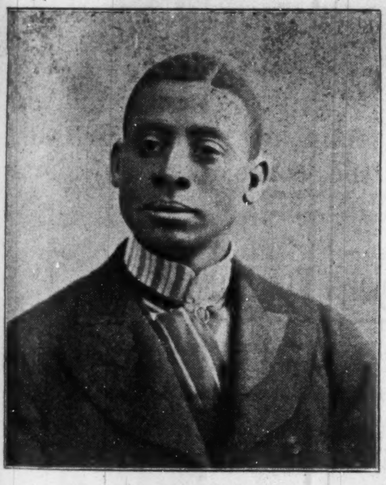

CHAS. B. TYLER, monologuist and singing comedian, with John W. Vogel's Mastodon Minstrels and Darkest America. Mr. Tyler was first known in the profession during the season of '94-'95 with the Sam T. Jack's Creoles, was also with the same show in '95-'96 until the closing of its season. Mr. Tyler then organized Chas. B. Tyler's "Oxford Graduates" touring the West. In the summer of 1897 he opened the first Negro vaudeville house in Chicago, which was known as the Grotto Theatre. This season Mr. Tyler is making a big hit with Vogel's combined shows. He sends regards to friends.

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Miss Anita Fagan is on the sick list in New York City.

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W. N. P. Spiller sends regards to Prof U. S. G. Patterson.

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Clifford Bell with Mahara's Minstrels sends regards to friends.

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Ralpn Devine sends regards to Ralph Hawkins and Sonny Price.

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Harry Stafford, stage manager of Jn o W. Isham's Octoroons sends regards to all friends.

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George Catlin, Chinese impersonator, with Mahara's Minstrels, writes he will be East soon.

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J. Ed Green, the American barytone, is singing with great effect "A Son of the Desert Am I."

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Sam [illegible]ousin, monologuist and comedian with Isham's Octoroons company, sends regards to all friends.

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Miss Mattie Evans, of Isham's Octoroons, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Teresa Skinner, at Indianapolis, Ind.

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James Burris the singing and dancing comedian has closed with "The Pulse of New York" and is at liberty.

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Harry L. Gillam received a painful accident while practicing. He fell on a piece of glass and received a severe cut in the palm of his hand. He has fully recovered and sends regards to Dick Thomas of the Georgia Minstrels and McCarver Reed & McCarver and all friends in an out of the profession.

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J. E. Adams, of Georgia Up-to-Date sends regards to friends of the Darkest America, Georgia Minstrels and all others.

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Al Brown the talented author and comedian will assume the leading comedy in Powers and Kennedy's company.

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Prof. J. D. West, leader of Georgia Up-to-Date orchestra sends regards to Buddie Robison, Joe Dobbins and Chas. Washington.

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Harry L. Gillam of the Georgia Up-to Date was presented with a beautiful hair chain and charm from Miss Laura Pratt of Wells, Minn.

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D. C. Scott, comedian, with Mahara's Minstrels, is singing with success "My Honolulu Lady," responding to two and three encores nightly.

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P. G. Lowery sends regards and best wishes to Harry Prampin, director of the Nashville Students Famous Concert Band. Glad to hear of your success.

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D. H. Langford wants musicians in brass for two months engagements, during March and April. Write or wire him at St. Nichols Hotel, Decatur, Ill.

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Prof. J. Addison Cromwell, of Canajaharie, N. Y., joined Scott's Minstrels in St. Catherine, Ont., Feb. 22, to lead the orchestra and play solo alto in band.

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The verdict of those who attended the cake walk at Madison Square Garden Saturday evening, is that Miss DeMarco as a comedienne, easily carried off the honors.

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Richard Lewis, tenor, with Scott's Minstrels, is meeting with great success singing "Two Sweethearts of Mine." He sends regards to Dan Avery and all friends.

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John Pittman, of the musical team of Simpson and Pittman, also slide trombone and viola artist with the Oliver P. Scott's Minstrels, sends regards to Master John McGee, Prof. Desdunes, James Crosby, Richard Barnett and C. J. Scott.

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The Heardes—J. H. and Mabel, the "musical monstrosities," are big favorites this week at Weast's Theatre, Peoria, Ill., characterizing a tough girl and a crazy Chinaman, producing music from eight different novelty instruments made especially them.

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Harris & Johnson of the Georgia Up-to-date are fast gaining a reputation as dancers that will long be remembered. They are very ambitious in their line. Harris sends regards to Miss Lizzie Harden and Sherman Coates, also Mr. and Mrs. Britton.

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Marsh Craig, the original human enigma, has added two more tricks to his already long list of seemingly impossible feats and the Canadians look at his act in open-mouthed astonishment. The press and public say that he is the finest ever seen in Canada.

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Buddie Glenn sends regards to Prof. Lacy, Terry, Stokes, "Center Pole," Mr. and Mrs. Kersands, Kemp, Thos. Pate and all members of the Georgias, also to Allie Brown and Tio with the Oliver Scott Minstrels. Glenn says that he will be open for engagements next season.

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Willis Accoo, the talented musician and composer, is the new musical direct or with Isham's Octoroons, (No. 2) and he is rapidly proving himself most invaluable with the company. He is the first colored musical director ever with Mr. Isham's companies.

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Tom Logan sends regards to John and Rachel Bailey, Henderson Smith, Ida L. Wright, P. G. Lowery, The Gillams, Ben Turban, Pap Brady, Lew Purcell, Ernest Hogan, James Crosby, the Merideths, Al and Cecil Watts and all B. O. of C. P's. Mr. Logan Logan's address is 114 W. Thirty-first street, New York City.

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The Williams and Walker party at the famous Bellmans' ball, Feb. 10, were Bert A. Williams, George Walker, Misses Ada Overton, Lottie Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mallory, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Tuck, Jules Hurtig and Black Carl. It is hardly necessary to say that the pleasure-seekers found no trouble in their way. S. J. Tuck, business manager of the show, and his wife, enjoyed the affair beyond expression. Mr. Hurtig, of the managerial staff, also found plenty of pleasure in his night out. Our business has been phenomenal, as we are playing return dates to packed houses ever since the first of the year.

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Julius Glenn, of the Georgia Up-to-Date has added to his reportoire of songs one of Williams & Walkers latest hits, Why Don't You Get a Lady of Your Own, and with a few of his original ideas he never fails to captivate the audience from the moment he appears on the stage until he makes his exit. He never fails to leave the audience in an uproar of laughter. Judy as the boys call him has a bright future before him. He now ranks with the leading comedians of to-day and why his future is so bright, he wears the same size hat now as he did when he entered the profession. He sends regards to Dan Avery, Billy Young, Walter Dixon and his future partner, Al Weathers.

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Fred W. Simpson sends the following from Oliver Scotts Minstrels:—"We are meeting with great success with our Canadian tour, standing room only sign being displayed almost nightly. The weather is cold with light snows but does not interefere with business. Clarence Powell sends regards to Fountain and Carrie Woods, and says how is Miss Tamborine Woods. Lorenzo Tio sends regards to Dan Desdunnes and Harry Prampin. I regret very much to announce the death of Frank M. Hailstock Jr. which occurred at his home, Akron, O., Feb., 20. Who is the little fellow with the check pants? That's what the Canadians all ask, after witnessing a performance of Oliver Scotts' Minstrels, The cause of this question is the acrobatic antics of Harry Reed, the funny little tramp comedian, of the team of McCarver, Reed and McCarver, while Howard and Billy keep "em" roaring with their funny sayings. The team is successfully introducing original coon gems and are a strong feature with the Scotts aggregation.

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George Bailey, trombone virtuoso, with Darkest America, was the recipient of a handsomely engraved medal from Prof. P. G. Lowery of the Georgia Up-to-Date company last Saturday and so dazzling and handsome was the little token of brotherhood and esteem, and as Mr. Bailey is neither an orator nor an orator's son, it very truly caught him unprepared for anything like a speech. Mr. Edwin DeCoursey, our esteemed business manager, after matinee last Saturday, called the members of the company upon the stage and there and then presented Mr. Bailey with the much prized medal in a few befitting remarks, where upon Mr. Bailey was called upon for a speech, but George said he was too full for speech-making—he finally acknowledged that he could blow a slide trombone much easier than he could make a speech—notwithstanding the very pleasant surprise to know he was being held in such high esteem even by his absent friends. Mr. Bailey invited the company in a body to a nearby cafe, and there catered to them the best in the house, and every one present wished him a long life and happiness and that the much prized medal serve as an emblem of such.

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"A Trip to Coontown" in which Messrs Bob Cole and Billy Johnson are staring have to produce this comedy the leading colored performers in the business, each having a part to suit his or her peculiar methods. Tom Brown a native of Indianapolis, leading comedian, interprets a Rube, Italian and Chinaman in his character as a detective. Walter Dixon, James Wilson and Barrington Carter make up the remaining parts of the comedy. Among the singers of the company is the famous Lloyd C. Gibbs and Miss Edna Alexander a soprano of remarkable voice and culture. Miss Mollie Dill plays an elderly lady with refinement and taste. The Freeman Sisters are marvelous in their contor tion dancing the only colored ladies presenting a specialty of that kind. The company and stars are always in each city reviewed by the press, recieving flattering compliments. The company play the high class theatres exclusively and notable audiences have assembled to witness many performances. The entire management is under the personal direction of Mr. Sam'l. Corker, Jr., a young man of color, who has been received with courtesy everywhere. A Trip to Coontown has been acknowledged tne standard of refined and accomplished Negro talent on the stage. Prof Wm. Carle, our musical director still holds his own as a competant leader, writes our special representative, Barrington Carter.

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The special social session given last Sunday evening in Odd Fellows hall, Indianapolis, by McClain Lodge, No. 1, B. O. of C. P., far surpassed all expectations; the occasion being in honor of Prof. Henderson Smith, G. C. W., and other members of the order with John W. Vogel's Mastodon Minstrels, who filled the first half of this week at the Park. As early as 7:30 members and especially invited geust, including several ladies, began to arrive at the hall, and when the session opened it was almost impossible to secure a seat. Chas. C. Stapp, prelate, called the house to order at 8:35 p. m., after singing the opening hymn, prayer was offered by Adam Miller, V. P. A few welcome remarks were offered the members of Darkest America company and visiting friends, then the "ball began to roll," and it rolled continuously: The first number on the program was a march "Battle of Manilla," by Prof. Smith, G. C. W. and his superb orchestra, which was overwhelmingly received by the assembly, with the exception of "Gag-law" Ringgold, I. G., who kicked (as usual), saying that owing to it being Sunday the professor should desist from playing that kind of music, or he (Ringgold) would be tempted to lay down his religion and do a "little two-stepping." Harry Dunnington, "Our Harry" next came forward with a solo, which was well received by the audience. Major N. P. Gardner followed with one of his many recitations, entitled "De Possum and de Nigger.". Prof. Jas. A. Willis the "Black Herrmann," came next and found no trouble in mystifying this a most critical audience by his skillful manipulations with a pack of playing cards. Mr. Laurence Chenault, of the company came next with a solo entitled: "Because" and proved quite a favorite. Mr. Alonzo Gayten, a comedian and song writer of much ability, was announced amid great applause. Mr. Gayten sang his latest composition entitled: "I Will Certainly Make it Warm For You," and received great applause. Mr. R. Byron Shelton, barytone, who was introdrced as the pride of Indianapolis, received a large share of applause in his solos and piano recitations. Then came the Alabama Quintette of the company—Messrs. Tyler, Brooks, Lewis, Hughes, and Herbert, in several selections. Mr. Geo. Bailey did well in his slide trombone solo, afterwhich Prof. Henderson Smith consumed a few moments on the topic of "Buffaloes and their rapid growth in twelve months." The professor's remarks were very interesting and he received the best of attention from his hearers during his stay on the stage. Mr. Jas. Boyd, our descriptive balladist, was well applauded. Next to appear was Mr. Frank Brown, Indianapolis' clever young tenor. Mr. Brown possesses a regular stage voice, and his renditions are par-excellent. John Rucke, "Uncle Amos Jackson" of course was there—and comment is unnecessary. "Col." J. W. Hunter gave some of the natural imitations that made him famous during the good old days of Hicks & Sawyers; but when Major Ben F. Payne appeared as a monologuist it was laughter from start to finish. The Major for an encore was requested to sing a song, but he said he had "slept in a barn recently and was quite hoarse from drinking ponies. The most pleasant feature of the evening was the appearance of Miss Lilly Garay, of the company, who sang "No Coon Can Come Too Black for Me," with great success; she was assisted by the mulatto John Rucker. The Shattuck Quartette—Shelton, Brown, Willis and Lewis, was a very pleasant surprise, and they acquitted themselves nicely. At precisely 11:28, Prelate Stapp adjourned the assembly sine die. The members of the company left our city Thursday morning with many and all the good wishes of their admirers in the Hoosier capitol, espcially the ladies.

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In conformity with its previous agreement, Moore Lodge B. O. C. P., of New York City utilized Tuesdav afternoon in exemplifying Smiths Histrionics. A class of ambitious amatuers enacted Father Henderson's up-to-date sketch "Let Go If You Can," to the supreme satisfaction of the B. O. C. P's., who composed the audience. Much credit is due Prelate C. H. Moore and friends Billy McClain and Tom Logan for the pianstaking manner in which the proteges were cracked. One noticeable feature was the discords, cat calls etc, which were vouched safe by the audience at a time when the candidates least appreciated them. Upon investigation it was discovered that the unearthly sounds were caused by friend Al Brown who so far forgot himself as to vamp the chorus of his song "You aint 1-2-3." He was no sooner ostracised than friend C. H. Moore (who tips the beam at 320) hazarded a skirt dance which according to the program was to have occurred between the acts. The performers took their seats one by one, apparently shocked when Williams & Walker, Mallory Bros., C. L. Moore, Billy McClain and others stepped forward annihilated. J. W. Mitchel and his his orchestra rang down the curtain and declared refreshments would close the olio. L. H. Saulsbury, Ed. Harris, Ed. Goggin and Charley Davis officiated as ushers, and succeeded in leading the blind by a way that they knew not—led them in paths they had not known, and made darkness light, much to the joy of the afore said neophytes who were afterward given "the glad hand," and declared bone a fide members of the roving herd of Buffaloes. The new additions were:—Joe Williams, James Moody, Howard D. Miller, Tony

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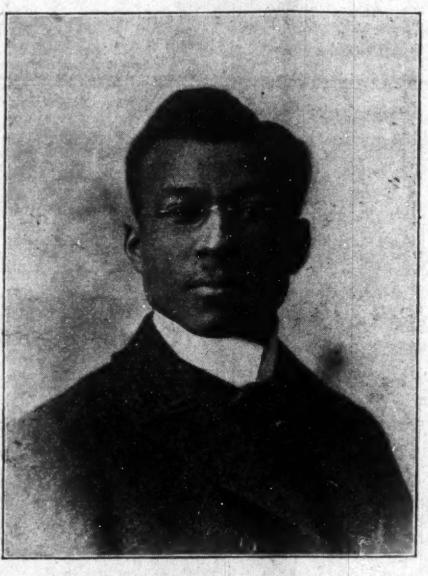

THE LATE FRANK M. HAILSTOCK, JR.

The many friends of Frank M. Hailstock, the accomplished violinist and orchestra leader, will be sorry to learn of his death, which occurred at his home, in Akron, O., Feb. 20 after, a short, spell of sickness—pneumonia. At the time of his death, Mr. Hailstock was musical director and cornetist with Oliver Scott's Minstrels. He was born in Akron, O., in 1875. At the age of 8 years he began his study of the violin, under Wm. Lantz, of Leipsig Germany. After remaining four years under his study, progress was so rapid that he was selected as principal violinist at the Trinity Luthern Church (white.) He next attended the Dana Musical Institute in Warren, O., and studied violin under, Thaddeus Ackley, and theory under W. H. Dana. During his stay at the Institute he was made a member of the Dana Symphony Orchestra, he being the only colored member. He next took up the cornet and soon became a member of several white bands at home also the Philharmonic Orchestra (white,) as principle violinist. He next desired to travel and the latter part of the season 94-95 he joined Whallen & Martell's big South Before the War, company and remained with them until the close of the season. The following season '95-'96 he joined Al. G. Fields Real Negro Minstrels that season being the beginning of the Field's colored shows. The following season he was again re-engaged by Mr. Fields as Musical director of Darkest America, 96-97. It was at this time that Mr. Hailstock distinguished himself as a musical director and leader. The next season, 97-98, he was again re-engaged with the Field's Negro Minstrels. Mr. Hailstock had quite an ability as a violin soloist, writer and arranger. He was loved and respected by all who knew him and his death is a sad blow to his many friends and relatives.

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B. SQUARE'S BLUSTER

Speaking of Negro "National" conventions, since Jan. 1st 1863, by actual count I have figured out just twenty-three and have good reason to think that a half score of these conventions got away before I could count them.

I claim to have the largest and most complete collection of Negro American Journals of any Negro in the U. S. I have a complete file of the "Anglo-African" published in the interest of Freedom, in New York City, from 1859 to 1865; several copies of 'The Ram's Horn' published in New York City also in the interest of the bondman during 1847-8-9; one copy of the "North Star" published in Rochester N. Y. during 1847-49. Several copies of old Colored American, published in New York City in 1850-52; and scores of copies of papers too numerous to mention published since 1863. I must however mention the peerless People's Advocate of Washington, D. C., published during the '70s by the pioneer of up-to-date Negro editors J. W. Cornwell. It is from these old papers that I have computed the number of national conventions of colored men since Jan. 1, 1863.

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Only one of these conventions was a truly national one. It was the first one held after the emancipation; it was held during the days of reconstruction, when the freeman was about to be made a citizen, and the Republican leaders were counting upon the vote of the Negro for generations and generations then and yet unborn. Perhaps from the outcome of this convention more credit is due for the birth of the XIV and XV amendments than history gives. It was a national convention in name, deeds and men. The late Hon. Frederick Douglass, the late Hon. B. K. Bruce and all the leading men of the day were members. Every state in the union was represented by its superior men of color. Since then, our national conventions have been debating meetings where a few political "outs" would "demand" their "rights," a few ministers get an opportunity to preach or pray in public, a few editors get a chance to advertise themselves and their newspapers, and a few young men just from school, get a chance to read off a lot of big worded resolutions, and all hands and the ministers get a big dinner at night. "Only this, and nothing more."

Speaking of superiority, I do not want my over religious reader to conclude that I have grown to be an atheist or a disbeliever in the Bible when I say: All men are not "born free and equal." There are several degrees of mankind each starting from the day of their birth. The ambitious or progressive man is the outgrowth of the ambitious or progressive boy (there are a few exceptions but this is the rule) The boy of yesterday who led upon the play-ground is the man of to-day who leads in the battle of life.

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There were superior Negroes before the war, who would remain slaves, they pulled down all barriers between themselves and freedom unlettered they followed the North star by night and dodged blood-hounds and human curs by day until they were safe upon the shores of Canada.

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We must not get the superior man mixed up with the ambitious man; they are not of the same breed. The ambitious man, in general and the ambitious Negro man in particular, like the fool, rushes in where angels refuse to walk and wise will not go. The caller of a "national" Negro convention, as a rule, is a "cullud brudder" with a very dull ax to grind. As a rule he wants an office and cares little about his race.

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By-the-way! Did you ever see Booker T. Washington's name signed to a call for a national convention of colored men or ever meet him at one?

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As you look over the record of the past year, 1898, do you find anything recorded to your credit? Are you better off in any way? Mentally, morally or financially? If not, why not?

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Why (I have asked the same question in my "Bluster" several times before) don't our young people of every town, village and city in the United States where colored people reside in large numbers, give a ball—a charity ball—and take the money they get therefrom and buy coal, wood and food for the worthy colored poor of their town? From "charity clubs," or "helping-hand circles." Who'll be the first to start the ball?—B. SQUARE.

News Mentions.

Mt. Vernon, Ill., Special.

Mrs. Charles O'Neal was called to Metropolis to attend the bedside of her mother who was dangerously ill. Harry Kenner made a business trip to Marion. Rev. Levi Thompson left for Walnut Hill Saturday in response to a telegram, that Charles Nash was critically ill with consumption, and his death was only a question of time. George Standard departed for St. Louis Friday. Rev. J. W. Owsley, presiding elder, preached for Rev. G. W. Parker Sunday morning and Rev. S. S. Oliver filled the pulpit for Rev. Parker Sunday night, both sermons were very able and demonstrated a careful preparation. Rev. J. L. Baylass was was confined to his room last week by la grippe. Leon Thompson, the little daugter of Rev. and Mrs. Levi Thompson is dangerously ill with pneumonia at her home on Grand avenue. Mrs. Queenie Davis of Centralia is the guest of Moses McCarry and family.

The Dewey joke is so far exhausted that the dew took a drop when the joke writer deweyed, as the dueyed would say.

Feathers are up, and down is up, but it is easier to call a fellow down, than to pay for the tips—both come high for the head.—See?

A rag-time coon song singer is the only half shell oyster in the job—lot,—but not the only pebble from the beach of Buzzards Bay.

Don't tell her that you love her
She's heard that gag before,
Tell her something, that isn't stale
Just say that you don't snore.

The smallest animal is a gnat, the largest the elephant, the difference in size is so great, that neither can ascertain the others presence. Thats nothing, there is such a difference in the size of some married people, that the husband can't tell when his wife is asking for money to buy the children clothes.

Gleanings.

Hannibal Mo., Special.

Wm. Wright, Wm. Habes, and Edward Phœnix are the gentlemen who will speak at Keokuk, Ia, on expansion. These three gentlemen will try hard to win the debate in defense at Douglass high school club of which they represent while Au Draine and Miss Betham and Miss Harris will be the three speakers to represent the Keokuk Amateur Dramatic Club. Feb. 16, '99 occured the funeral of Miss Fliza Settles who had for the past five years been an efficient teacher at Douglass school. Dr. O. C. Queen is improving. Reo. Helms pastor of 8th and Center Baptist church has commenced his revival. The Freeman is gaining friends in Hannibal, Mo. Call or address G. W. and W. W. Wright, 307 south 10th street Hannibal, Mo. The issue of March 4th, '99 will contain a sketch of our most enterprising colored citizens and business man Hon. J. H. Pelham. Miss Daisy Doolin and a score of others are on the sick list. We would like to see a good colored show here. Or hear Harry Fidler sing.

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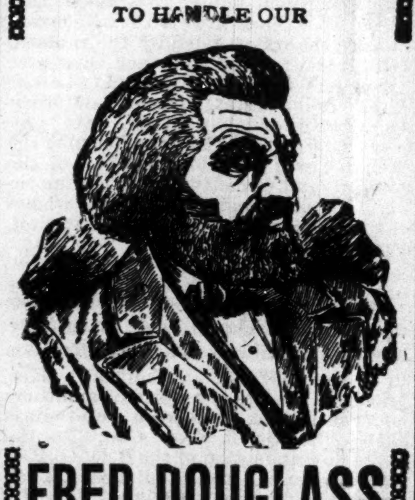

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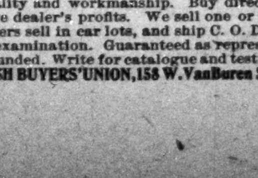

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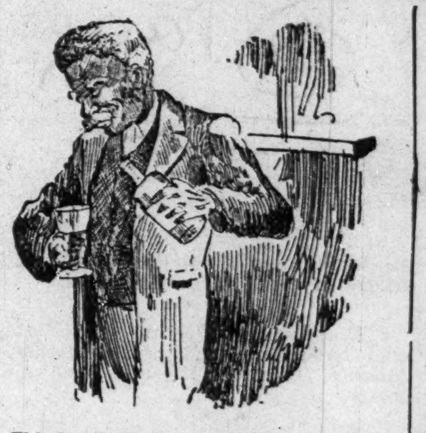

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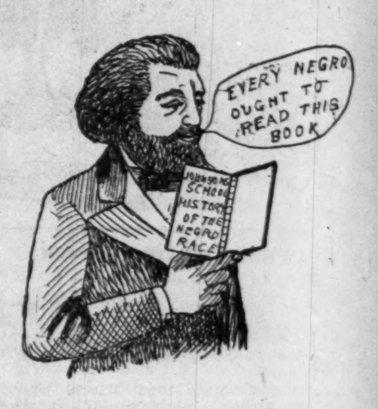

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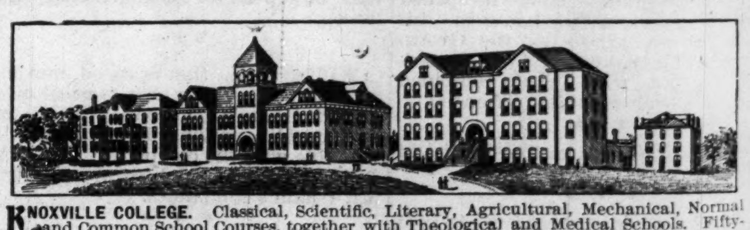

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"A Battle of the Giants"—A Fight to a Finish—"Mud Throwers" in the Ranks—Church Organs—In the Field.

The editors of the A. M. E. Church organs as well as many of the conservatives" will oppose discussion, through the secular press of the greatest question agitating the minds of the leaders of the connection, viz. the vicar-bishop affair. It is a "battle of the giants' t'is true and the pigmies might, with discretion stay out of the arena; but sometimes the onlookers may encourage or discourage a combatant by word or act. The editor of the Christian Recorder, has respectfully shut out discussion from that source regarding it profitable that these two ecclesiastical gladiators be allowed to fight to a finish without a word from a single peace maker. Well, let it be so. He may be right, But "there are others." The scholarly and thoughtful editor of the Southern Christian Recorder is more conservative, but he thinks that none should enter the battle ground only through the gates of the religious press. Brother Checks, thatt gate is too narrow and the scores of interested spectators are not satisfied to see these two grand men lance each other to death and plunge the church into the gulf of disgrace. Bishop Gaines is right and he is wrong. Bishop Turner is wrong and he is right. This expression is indeed paradoxical. Explain:

Bishop Gaines is right when he argues that Bishop Turner acted without authority; but he is wrong when he contends that any law was violated. For there is no law against the ordination of a vicar-bishop. Probably the fathers of Methodism never conceived that such a contingency would ever arise. Bishop Gaines is wrong again because he is opposing that which was intended for good and which to any fair minded man would readily appear, must result in much good to the cause of the church.

Bishop Turner was wrong in exceeding his authority, looking at the matter from a legal standpoint. But men are not usually censured for over-stepping the bounds of their authority when they are acting in good faith and doing the best for the cause which they represent. The Negro troops before the blazing fort at Santiago, had no authority to go forward, for every commanding officer was either dead on the field or sweltering in his own blood, but an emergency had arisen and those brave boys went forward with a yell and ended the war. They saw their duty. They dared do it. They are to-day the pride of the U. S. A. The General Conference will say to Bishop Turner, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

The General Conference may not continue Bro. Duane as vicar-Bishop, but they certainly will not slap Bishop Turner's gigantic labors in the face.

It is a matter of much regret that Bishop Gaines contends that he will prefer charges against the senior bishop. If his mind is made up, then it seems to me that public discussion is not only useless but unprofitable and injurious. This discussion by these two magnates of the church through the columns of the most dignified Negro church journal in this country, reminds one of an approaching bull-fight—both on different sides of the fence, bellowing and throwing up dust and dirt, attracting the attention of every passer by.

They will begin to throw mud pretty soon if this pawing, bellowing and slabbering process is kept up much longer. That is the usual result, for bishops are mere men after all. It seems to me that if the columns of the church organs are to be closed against any one in the further discussion of this matter, these two bishops should be singled out, the interest of the church requiring it.

African Methodism has much to loose and nothing to gain by this "sparring for a fight." Shall the first rays of the 20th Century sun shine upon African Methodism shattered and torn or may we not celebrate a 20th Century jubilee sometime during the summer of 1900, after the close of the General Conference when four new bishops shall return to the heart of the church waving the banner upon which will be inscribed in bold characters: "The world is our field—African for Christ—The Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man.

J. A Jones,
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The Freeman in Pittsburg.

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A Social Gathering.

Glasgow, Ky., Special.

A social was given at Mrs. Margerett Duerson's Thursday evening Feb. 16. Among the participants Dr. J. E. Brown, Mrs. J. E. Brown, Messrs O. J. Garvin, L. B. Lee, D. B. Stone, M. J. Wood, L. G. Owens, and Lizzie Owens. Messrs V. W. Dunn. Wm. McGavock J. W. Dunn, J. T. Duerson, Henry Crutchers and John Blackmore. The Glasgow Normal Literary Society met Friday night Feb. 17. The following are the officees. M. J. Wood, president, J. W. Dunn, vice president. O. J. Garvin, secretary, Lizzie Wood, assistant secretary. Henry Crutcher left Wednesday for Hot Springs, Ark. A revival was begun at the Second Baptist church Sunday Feb. 26. Rev. W. W. Wheeler, pastor. Westly Alexander of Burkesville is attending the Glasgow Normal School. Prof. W. L. Bowman, principal, Mrs. W. Smily, assistant. Take The Freeman $1.50 a year, 5 cents a copy. Mrs. Ellen Leslie is in Louisville.

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An Oriental Lyceum.

Terre Haute Ind., Special.

Clifford Evans and Julius Moore spent Saturday in Indianapoiis, and report a pleasant time. Miss Lydia Crone is improving slowly from her long seige of illness. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carter of 13½ street has been ill with an attack of la grippe. We are in receipt of a grand entertainment given at the Armory Hall by the Tuxedo Social Club, under the direction of G. C. Clay March 16. Prof. J. Jackson principal of the 14th, district school has organized an Oriental Lyceum, to be held at the school house every Friday night. The Wabash Literary society has begun after 5 weeks intermission for a series of meetings conducted by Rev. Hillman

RACE GLEANINGS.

The Eighth Annual Session of the Tuskegee Negro Conference was held Feb. 22 at the famous school over which Booker T. Washington presides.

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Memorial services were held in memory of the late Frederick Douglass under the auspices of the Donglass Memorial Association of Kansas City, Kan. at the First Baptist Church. Feb. 20. Principal J. R. Harrison of the Bruce School was master of ceremonies. The following program was executed; Chorus, Walker school; Invocation by Rev. J. D. Smith; Chorus by Mrs. M. C. Younger's little "Douglass Daughters;" Introductory remarks by Chairman J. R. Harrison; Eulogy, by Rev. Dr. G. H. Shaffer Chorus, "Douglass Daughters; Remarks by Rev. E. Arlington Wilson and Prof. W. Tecumseh Vernon, benediction by Rev. J. R. Richardson.

Notes of Interest.

Calvert. Tex., Special.

A cold blizzard is now raging over our city. Rev. C. G. Curtis the pastor of Gregg avenue, A. M. E. church has returned from Houston. The Freeman the old and reliable colored newspaper is being circulated in our vicinity again. Manager J. S. A. will no doubt give it as large, a circulation, as any paper being represented in Calvert. The new convention Baptist cabinet Board meeting was in session here last week. The Freeman will be at J. W. Williams grocery store and can be had for 20 cents per month or $1.50 per year. Subscribe for The Freeman and keep the leading people of the race. Sunday the 19th inst was raily day at the A. M. E., church. Mrs. Virginia Rhone has returned from Taylor, where she set up the I. A. K. of G., with fifty members.

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Yours truly,
Murray H. Mitchum,
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Items.

Taylorsville, Ill., Special.

Miss Julia Holloway and Mr. William Richardson are on the sick list this week. An entertainment was given at the St. John's A. M. E. church Monday night for the benefit of the Sunday school. Rev. J. W. Summer of Upper Alton preached Sunday. Miss Nancy Skinner and Mrs. Jack Garrison has returned home from Decatur, Ill.

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IN AND ABOUT THE CITY.

Remember the date, March 7th, Bethel church.

Mr, Wayne Davidson died Tuesday at his home in California street.

Mrs. Emma Williams was in Franklin, Ind., a few days on business.

Each church will be represented at the "Big 4" entertainment, March 7th.

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John W. Railey and A. Crockett of the Iowa Immunes called at The Freeman office Thursday.

Miss Mattie Evans, of Isham's Octoroons, is visiting her mother. Mrs. Teresa Skinner at 1035 Coe street.

Mr. Edward T. Rogers, entertained Mr. John Rucker, of Darkest America. Both are members of the B. O. C. P.

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Mr. John Bell of Paris, Ill., and Miss Celia Beasley of this city were married Wednesday afternoon, Rev. D. A. Graham officiating.

Mr. Cabell Calloway, Jr., of the '98 class of Lincoln University, passed through the city Wednesday enroute to St. Louis, Mo.

Mt. Zion Baptist church has purchased a piece of ground on the corner of 12th and Fayette streets, it contains three lots, 98x120 feet.

NOTICE.

The Alpha Home Association will meet at Allen Chapel the second Thursday in March. It is the annual meeting for the election of officers and it is very important that every member of the association be present. The Home has been freed from debt under the present regime and it is the desire of the association that the present standard be maintained. Done by order of the president, MRS. H. A. WEBB.

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Mrs. Ernestine Wallace-Thurston, entertained in honor of Messers Lawrence Chenault and Gil Garray, of the Darkest America Co., at the home of Mrs. Alice Crockett-Scott, Tuesday evening. Music was the general order of the evening, luncheon being served at the "early" hour of 1.30 a. m. All reported a very pleasant evening.

Mrs. Ella Cosby of West 15th street gave an elegant dinner on last Tuesday evening. Refreshments were served in seven courses, the house was beautifully decorated. Among those present were: Rev. G. L. Davis of Lincoln University, Miss Lillian V. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. F. Sneed, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. V. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Starling, Rev. and Mrs. Seymour, Rev. and Mrs. White, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Davis and Mrs. D. Lewis.

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James D. Watts of Louisville, Ky., champion middle and welter weight of the South will meet Paddy Purtell at catch weights in this city Monday night at the Empire theatre. Mr. Watts whose cut appears in this issue has fought 56 battles being defeated three times. During his three years in the ring he has defeated such men as Jim Janey, Wiley Evans, Tom Lansing twice, and is credited with draws with Joe Walcott and Kid Lavinge.

Dec. 19, '98, he fought a six round draw with Harry Peppers the crack California middle weight and is matched for a six round go, on the 10th, with Billy Stift before the Dearborn Athletic Club, Chicago. He will accompany Ernest Hogan to England this summer where he hopes to win new laurels. Watts will have in his corner Mr. Ed. Foster of Louisville and "Kid" Roberson the clever light weight of Denver, Col.

News Items.

Springfield, O., Special.

Miss Bertha Dent has returned to Buffalo, N. Y., her home after a very pleasant visit with friends in the city. Mrs. C. M. Timbers has recovered from her recent attack of illness and is able to be about again. A grand musicale was given Monday evening at St. John's Church under the direction of Brother Elmer Spyglass. Mr. Spyglass should be complimented for securing some of the best talent in the city. The reception, the third of, which has been given in honor of the Ninth battallion was given last Friday evening at Allen Chapel. Speeches were made by Rev. Thomas of Second Baptist church and Mr. M. Pierce, L. M., which were much enjoyed by all. Mr. Phil. A. Payne has returned from a business trip to Columbus, O. Richards & Pringle's, Rusco & Holland's Georgia minstrels played to a crowded house at Black's opera house Saturday evening, Feb. 25. The troupe Sundayed in the city. Mrs. White was called to Muncie, Ind., by the death of a relative. Mr. Everet Brown visited at his grandparents at Salem last week. Miss Gussie Bank and Etta Stevenson spent Saturday last at the Wilberforce University, it being Founders' Day. Elder Maxwell and Rev. Eaton changed pulpits Sunday; Elder Maxwell preaching at St. John's and Rev. Eaton at Allen Chapel.

Newsy Notes.

Mt. Vernon, Ill., Special.

Mrs. James Green left for Henderson, Ky., Sunday to visit her mother. Rev. Collins en route from Evansville to St. Louis to be in attendance at the bedside of his son, who is quite sick, stopped here the guest of Rev. G. W. Parker. Mrs. Cass Stokes and little daughter, Alletta, returned from Almstead, Ill. Miss Mattie Bonds left Tuesday for Mound City. Mrs. Queenie Davis, the guest of Mrs. Moses McCary and family, returned to Centralia. Isam Mackey and William Nathan, survivers of the Black Ninth, who made such a gallant dash up San Juan Hill, and who were recently discharged at Fort Duchesne, Utah, stopped here a few days en route to Middleton, Ky. Rev. J. W. Owsley, presiding elder, left Saturday for Cairo, after spending a few days with his family. Mrs. Barbara E. Bayliss presented her husband with a handsome girl baby Sunday morning.

Interesting Items.

Helena, Ark-, Special.

Prof. T. J. Callaway has charge of the Helena Normal school, who is doing a splendid work. Helena can boast of having a first class grocery store owned and managed by Moses Griffin Turner. Also a first class colored dry goods store managed by Dr. E. C. Morris and owned by a company. Owing to the cold weather on last Sunday the 36th anniversary of the Second Baptist church was postponed until a more convenient time. Miss M. G. Wilson has been elected to fill an unexpired term in the Peabody school vacated by a resignation from Miss Mattie Harris. Helena has some of the finest musical talent that the state can afford. Miss J. R. Whiting being the leading piano performer, Willis L. Owens the leading vocalist, There are large colored churches in Helena and each has a fine choir.

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